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Dear Mrs Gardner

I have reviewed the application which I believe is likely to increase the risk of accidents and congestion on the southern carriageway of the A259, the Old Worthing Road and at the Roundabout.

When Asda was constructed east of the proposed development the arrangement is that vehicles can only exit west from Asda increasing the traffic at this roundabout, causing significant/unacceptable delays throughout the day particularly for traffic trying to enter the roundabout from the Old Worthing Road. In addition, because of the current parking arrangements on the Old Worthing Road then the traffic at the slight bend west of the roundabout has to operate as a single file particularly when a bus is at this point. This often backs up on the roundabout and the congestion is so bad since the Asda development was constructed that it is not uncommon for the roundabout to be completely logged and vehicles unable to move in many directions. This occurred prior to the recent A259 roadworks near Haskins Garden Centre. Such existing congestion clearly increases the danger at the roundabout and vehicles trying to enter the roundabout from Old Worthing Road (primarily East Preston resident's) have to regularly make a dash to get out and I have seen many incidents of close misses and some altercations between vehicles. Any added congestion/access point will increase this danger further.

This roundabout is the primary vehicle route for residents of East Preston and some have already got fed up with the delays at the roundabout when exiting from the Old Worthing Road preferring to take alternative longer routes.

Any traffic on the roundabout looking to exit at the Old Worthing Road provides one of the few opportunities to enter the roundabout from East Preston but this additional proposed exit usage is likely to cause confusion as people will be indicating left to exit the roundabout when exiting at one of the two close exits. The proposed exit point to the new development is very close to the exit to the Old Worthing Road so people seeking to enter the roundabout from East Preston will be uncertain if the vehicles are going to the new development or seeking to exit for the Old Worthing Road. I think this will be very dangerous.

The proposed entry/exit point east of the roundabout on the A259 will add further congestion to the traffic roundabout and being so close to the bus stop which is likely to cause unacceptable increased danger.

I see the applicant has not provided the necessary standard safety assessment/ highways information to demonstrate that the proposal is reasonable and WSCC have suggested that Arun Council do not grant any form of consent until such time as the applicant provides the necessary information and it is agreed/to the satisfaction of WSCC. This seems sensible and I trust the Council will adhere to this strong recommendation particularly as WSCC have hinted there may be highways issues that might be unresolvable. To the lay person I can see that WSCC's comments are not unfounded.

This proposal whilst in the parish of Angmering will have a significant impact on the residents of East Preston and I urge the Council to heed the advice of WSCC and refuse the application. May I also ask the Council determine the application in the appropriate statutory time frame particularly when considering the clear recommendations of WSCC.

Yours sincerely

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